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sort of rushing through should not be allowed to be repeated, because it affects the dignity of the House and shows some sort of disrespect to us. Amendments are moved and get lost. We feel some disrespect when things are rushed through. The Opposition is anxious to co-operate with Government in getting their business through. At the same time, we want the rules regarding introduction of Bills and the subsequent discussion thereof are followed except in exceptional cases.''

3-30 p.m.

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I am very much obliged to the Hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition for the co-operation that he has offered to the Government in getting through urgent business. Sir, I do not think that either the Government or any hon. Member of this House can be charged legitimately with doing anything which would affect the dignity of this House. The Hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition often uses certain words. He would say 'No civilized Government would do this' as if this Government do things which uncivilized Governments would do. He has referred to the dignity of the House as if we on this side of the House are not aware of our own responsibilities and duties in maintaining the dignity and prestige of this House. There is no question of dignity involved at all. There is urgency sometimes. Regarding the Plantations Agricultural Income-tax Bill, we agreed yesterday that it could be taken up on the 24th. If the Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Bill should be taken up to-morrow, the Plantations Income-tax Bill will be taken up day after to-morrow unless the Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Bill is completed earlier in the afternoon. So, most probably, this Plantations Bill will be taken up only day after to-morrow. Therefore, the Hon. the Deputy Leader of the Opposition need not have come forward with a charge against the Government. Regarding the Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Bill, I am very glad to see that he has not raised any objection. Further, Sir, as I pointed out yesterday, there was a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses which examined the Bill. So, I would once again request hon. Members of this House to help the Government in getting the Bill through to-morrow."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I ask, Sir, what about the allotment of a day for non-official business? "

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Non-official days will be had according to the rules that are in existence, Sir."

* DR. V. K. JOHN :—" But we have not had non-official days for a very long time."

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" For that the Government are not responsible. We never took away any non-official day. If on Saturday the House does not happen to sit, the Government will not be responsible for it."

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* SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" Sir, I want to know when will copies of the Indebted Agriculturists (Repayment of Debts) Bill, 1955, as passed by the Assembly, be placed in our hands so that we may give notice of amendments."

* THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Copies of the Bill as passed by the Assembly would reach hon. Members by to-morrow morning. I would suggest to you, Sir, not to fix any time-limit for giving notice of amendments."

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN :—" The House will now adjourn and meet again at 2-30 p.m. to-morrow."

The House then adjourned.

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III.—PAPER LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

[a] *Bill passed by the Assembly and received therefrom in the Council*—

The Madras Plantations Agricultural Income-tax Bill, 1954 (*L.A. Bill No.* 30 *of* 1954).

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